

## **Leader Guide Template**

### **Friday Prayer for the Healing of the Nations – Time after Pentecost**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

*This could also include a special welcome to guests, or particular instructions about a portion of the service.*

**This morning we gather for prayer around the map, praying to God for justice, mercy and peace for those around the world and those in our community.**

**After the Litany for the Healing of the Nations, there will be a time for prayer. You may light a candle and place it in any of the stations, or just pray as you wish.**

#### **OPENING - <Name>**

*The assembly stands.*

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,**

**The world and those who dwell therein.**

**Declare God's glory among the nations**

**And God's wonders among all peoples.**

**The Lord will judge the world with righteousness**

**And the people with equity.**

#### **OPENING HYMN <Number, Title>**

*The assembly is seated.*

#### **PSALM:**

*If you did not give instructions at the beginning of the service about how the psalm is to be done, give them here. A suggested form is:*

*“Our psalm today is Psalm XX, verses Y through Z (if not doing the entire psalm). We will <read/sing> the psalm <responsively/antiphonally> by whole verse. <I/the cantor/portion of the group> will <read/sing> the odd-numbered verses, followed by <the assembly/other portion of the group> <reading/singing> the even-numbered verses.”*

*NOTE: Modify the suggested form if you are doing the psalm in a different manner, such as a sung refrain after groups of verses or some other presentation.*

*After the Psalm is finished, allow 10-15 seconds of silence.*

#### **PSALM PRAYER:**

*The Psalm Prayer can be found after the psalm in the ELW Leader's Desk Edition, beginning on p. 737 or on the G Drive under Student Group/Committees – Chapel – Worship Resources*

#### **READING:**

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN or CANTICLE:** <Number, Title>

*The assembly is seated.*

**BRIEF TIME FOR SILENCE (15-30 seconds)**

**PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS - <Name>**

*The Litany of the Nations begins the time for prayer.*

*Cantor sings the refrain first, then everyone sings.*

***For the healing of nations we pray to you O God.***

*The cantor sings the stanzas and after each pairing of countries,  
the assembly sings **Peace be yours.***

*After each stanza, everyone responds with the refrain.*

**HYMNS:**

*Choose several shorter, contemplative-style hymns for singing during the prayers.*

*Hymns may be chosen from ELW, Singing Our Prayer, or another resource (provided that copies can be distributed before the service).*

<Song>

<Song>

<Song>

**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*The assembly stands.*

**Let us pray.**

**Almighty God, You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You draw near to those who call upon you, crying out from their hearts. Hear our cries, receive our prayers, and fill us with your blessing, until needy no longer, your whole creation sings your praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**CONCLUDING HYMN (optional)** <Number, Title>

**LORD'S PRAYER (select Contemporary or Traditional)** <Name>

***Contemporary***

**"Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us prayer as Jesus taught us..."**

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

***Traditional***

“Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us...”

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**BLESSING:**

**Let us bless the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

**Almighty God bless us, and direct our day and our deeds in peace.**

Amen.

*The leaders share the peace with one another as an invitation for the assembly to do the same.*